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THREE ARSON CHARGES

RAMSGATE YOUTH SENT FOR TRIAL

BURNT UNION JACK IN COURT

The charred remains of a sofa and a large Union Jack lay under the magistrates' table at Ramsgate police court on Monday, when three charges of arson were preferred against a 20-year-old labourer.

Douglas Harold Darrington, of Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, first appeared at the court two weeks ago, when he was charged with maliciously setting fire to 24 Camden-square with intent to injure on 30th April.

The two further charges made against him on Monday were of setting fire to 19 Wellington-crescent with intent to injure on 28th April and of setting fire to a quantity of flag bunting on the same day at 25 Albion-place under such circumstances that if the building were thereby set fire to the offence would amount to felony.

After a hearing lasting over three hours the magistrates committed Darrington to take his trial at Kent Assizes, to be held at Maidstone on 17th June. Defendant was remanded in custody.

Mr. Eric Weale, who prosecuted on behalf of the police, outlined the cases to the bench and said that defendant had made statements admitting that he did, in fact, cause the fires in question.

Began on Ground Floor.

Peter Pritchard, a company officer in the N.F.S., told the bench that at about 3.5 p.m. on 28th April he received a report of a fire at 19 Wellington-crescent—an unoccupied house. Two pumps were despatched and witness followed shortly afterwards, discovering that the fire had occurred in the ground floor front room. It was caused by a quantity fo paper burning against the dividing doors, which were swung across the centre of the room, and the fire was extinguished by a first-aid jet.

Witness gave orders for the floor to be cut in order to ascertain the possible cause of the fire. He concluded that the paper must have been set on fire by the application of a naked flame—in other words that it was a deliberate attempt. Witness reported the matter to the police.

As a result of the fire the floor boards and partition were burnt. The house was one of a terrace of 16 comprising four storeys and a basement. The fire was discovered at an early stage and had it not been so the consequences would have been very serious.

The burnt material was similar to a number of newspaper posters lying in the opposite corner of the room.

At 1.48 a.m. on 1st May witness attended, in response to a fire call, at 24 Camden-square. Two fire pumps were sent to the scene and it was found that the fire was in the top floor front room. It was well alight and just beginning to involve the room below. The fire was extinguished by a first-aid jet and he found that the fire had almost destroyed a couch and completely burnt through the floor, covering a space about 8ft. by 5ft.

Damaged by Bombs.

Witness formed the opinion that the fire had started on or under the sofa and the only possible cause was the application of a naked flame. The absence of electricity and gas in the building confirmed that opinion. The matter was reported to P/S Buddle. The house was one of a number in a terrace which was damaged by bombs and comprised three storeys and a basement. It was empty with the exception of a few articles of furniture. If the fire had not been discovered when it was it would have involved the whole building and spread to adjoining premises.

From his nine years' experience as a fireman he could tell that the fire had been smouldering for a considerable time. The construction of the couch and its material was such that it was likely to smoulder for a long time before bursting into flame.

On 4th May, at the request of the police, witness visited the old municipal health offices at 25 Albion-place and made an examination of the basement floor. It was apparent that there had been a fire at the rear of the basement and it had originated at a spot where some oily liquid had been spread on the floor, which had been scorched in the centre of the liquid. There were signs that the liquid had either burnt itself out or been smothered. It would have re-

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IMPRESSIVE PARADE

HOME GUARD BIRTHDAY

THANET BATTALION AT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate saw the Home Guard in action on Sunday—and Ramsgate was impressed.

Celebrating the third anniversary of the formation of the Home Guard, the 6th (Thanet) Batt. of Kent gave a thrilling display which proved that their efficiency is of a high standard and that they are ready for the enemy should he ever attempt to invade either by sea or air.

A spectacular procession which marched in platoons from Chatham House to the Royal-esplanade included all the companies comprising the battalion—altogether 55 officers and over a thousand other ranks—and crowds of people lined the route throughout. So long was the parade—it extended for nearly a mile—that Col. C. S. F. Witts, the commanding officer, had to keep in touch with the rear of the procession through the medium of the signal section who, throughout the march, communicated with each other by field radio.

Brigadier Takes the Salute.

From the top of the bowling pavilion the salute was taken by Brig. F. Y. C. Knox, D.S.O., who was accompanied by Maj. Pearson and supported by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) and Mrs. Cornford, the Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor H. Noble) and Mrs. Noble, the Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. W. Mockridge) and other members of the Council, the Chief Constable of Kent (Sir Percy Sillitoe), the Assistant Chief Constable of No. 4 District, K.C.C. (Mr. W. Palmer), C/I Butcher, C/I Fleet and Capt. A. F. W. Howard, D.S.O., R.N.

Followed by their despatch riders, a unit of the Mechanical Transport Corps, an ambulance and a 'bus ambulance, the Home Guard continued on to the miniature golf course, where large crowds watched an efficient demonstration of arms.

Targets were set on the cliff side of the course and the display began with five rounds rapid fire with P 17 rifles, followed by 30 rounds from the hip with Sten guns at short range. The Home Guard then made plenty of noise with their powerful Browning automatic rifles and their Browning and Vickers machine guns, but a more spectacular part of the demonstration came in the fifth event, in which an armoured car was fired at with Northover projectors. Direct hits were scored on the moving target with dummy bombs.

Fountains in the Sea.

Then the Spigot mortars went into action and fountains of water rose in Pegwell Bay as their 14lb. anti-personnel bombs landed on the water. The onlookers were particularly interested in the Smith guns, which they had previously seen in the parade.

Mounted on large wheels, the guns, each with a limber, were attended by four men. They were brought at the double on to the field and within a few moments were in action. Three guns fired two live shells each into the bay.

Much has been heard of the sticky bomb and the Home Guard next demonstrated how these are used to knock out enemy tanks. From the trench in which he was hiding one of the men crawled to a dummy tank in the corner of the field, stuck his bomb against its side and ran clear. The bomb should have exploded in five seconds but in this case the missile was a "blind." This gave the men a chance of showing the public how such bombs are destroyed. When the bomb exploded it blew the tank to pieces.

Mopping Up.

The final event was the most realistic of the whole show and the audience were thrilled as they watched a section of the Home Guard engage in battle with a party of "Germans" who, having landed from the air, formed a "pocket of resistance" on the far side of the field. Armed with machine guns, they represented a nasty proposition, but they were dealt with strategically, some members of the Home Guard keeping up a continuous fire while another party moved down through the bushes to carry out a surprise flank attack. Under cover of a smoke screen they took the trench by storm. Afterwards the crowd were amused by the interrogation of the prisoners, several of whom actively objected to their capture, but a spot of unarmed combat soon put them in their place.

Following the demonstrations the battalion reformed and marched back to Chatham House, where Col. Witts complimented the officers and men on their appearance and efficiency and spoke of the pride he felt in his position as their commanding officer.

The slickness of the parade, which drew favourable comment on every hand, was due in the main to a great deal of preliminary work put in by staff and officers from the various companies.

MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT

RAMSGATE WINS ITS WINGS

MORE SMALL SAVINGS THAN EVER BEFORE

By reaching and exceeding its target in Wings for Victory Week, Ramsgate has won its wings.

It was a magnificent achievement and one of which the town can well be proud. At half-past two on Saturday afternoon Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, was able to announce from the stage at the exhibition that the target figure of £125,000 had been exceeded.

The exhortation of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) to continue the drive as hard as possible until the end of the day met with a wonderful response and when the exhibition came to a close at eight o'clock the total had reached £137,300.

The final figure is:

£139,071 : 6 : 0

The most gratifying feature of the week was the response of the small investor. The Savings Committee knew beforehand that there would be less "big money" this year and they bore this in mind in fixing their target at £125,000.

The Wings for Victory Week total included at least £5,000 more of genuine local savings compared with Warship Week the previous year, when £163,661 was raised.

Ramsgate has become "savings minded" and this is due in the main to the inspired lead and the work month in and month out of the joint honorary secretaries, Messrs. H. E. Wright and H. H. Prestedge, on whom the brunt of the less spectacular but detailed work has fallen.

Almost every street in Ramsgate is now covered by a savings group and an amazingly high percentage of the money invested during the week passed through the hands of the group secretaries.

Capt. Balfour's Visit.

At the exhibition on Saturday afternoon Capt. Balfour said he owed them an apology for not having been able to perform the opening ceremony a week previously. At the hour when the opening was being performed he was approaching the English coast on the way from Gibraltar after visiting North Africa. If they had had an opportunity, as he had, of seeing at first hand the work of the R.A.F. in combination with the Army, they would have felt that their effort in striving to reach their target had been well worth while.

Capt. Balfour then announced that at that moment the total stood at £125,168.

Once more, said Capt. Balfour, the borough of Ramsgate had proved, as it had on every previous occasion, that when something was demanded of it, whether it be facing the enemy of subscribing for the wherewithal for carrying on the war, it was ready to respond. He also wished to congratulate those responsible for the fine exhibition.

In North Africa, said Capt. Balfour, he saw the start of what he thought would prove to have been one of the greatest victories in this war. He was with Air Mshl. Conyngham within five and a half miles of the barrage which began at dawn on Thursday the previous week in the region of Medjez el Bab. Columns and columns of transport were moving up. Everywhere was absolute calm and confidence and not an enemy plane dare show its nose. What a contrast to the ravages which the British inflicted on the Germans when they retreated from Alamein. That was air superiority in actual being.

Kept the Air Clean.

They sat on a hill and watched the battle, continued Capt. Balfour. Literally hundreds of light bombers went over their heads with Spitfires to protect them. Over the field of battle the Spitfires, in the words of Air Mshl. Conyngham, "kept the air clean." Not a single one of their bombers was attacked by an enemy plane and they met very little anti-aircraft fire. It was a demonstration of perfect co-operation between the commanders in chief of the Army and the Royal Air Force. They concentrated all their available air power at the right place at the right time. That was the secret of success.

On one German prisoner, said Capt. Balfour, was found an order stating that to surrender was a crime and rendered a person liable to be shot. A case was cited of one or two men who had surrendered and it was stated that their families were being dealt with in Germany and that the men themselves would be tried in Berlin after the war. A few days later Gen. Von Arnim and tens of thousands of Germans surrendered. Was that not a terrible indictment of the German high command?

"We can take great heart, not only for the material but for the moral effect of this victory in Tunisia," said Capt. Balfour. "But we have a long way to go yet. North Africa is a springboard for further offensives. . . Don't let us take our eyes off the ball. The Germans are a powerful, well-armed force. The Axis powers are still strong. We have still got to get to grips with the main section of the enemy's forces. Until the invasion of Europe is accomplished we cannot say we have achieved victory.

Tougher Efforts.

"While giving thanks on the one hand for the victory in North Africa and paying tribute to the men who have made it possible, let us at the same time dedicate ourselves unremittingly to greater and tougher efforts than in the past.

"In achieving your target I think you have set an admirable example to the country. Well done, Ramsgate," concluded Capt. Balfour.

The Mayor said that since the outbreak of war Ramsgate had invested over a million pounds in national savings and £700,000 had been in workers' pennies. In Ramsgate there was as high a proportion of small savings as anywhere in the country.

At 6.30 on Saturday evening Sqdn.-Ldr. Ingle, A.F.C., who was introduced by the Mayor, announced that the total had risen to £130,261.

The squadron-leader said the previous night one of the pilots of his squadron dropped on a target in Belgium the first bomb on which were savings stamps paid for by the men and women serving on the aerodrome from which the squadron operated. On it was a message to Hitler—that the people were saving for one purpose, which was to lick him into a cocked hat. On the way back the same pilot

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THANK YOU

The Editor has received the following letter:

Dear Sir,

With the magnificent total achieved by Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week still fresh in the minds of the townspeople we should appreciate the opportunity of publicly expressing our sincere thanks for the generous support given throughout the town which made such a result possible.

Although our final total was lower than Warship Week, the proportion of "Ramsgate" money was considerably higher and it is hoped to announce the amount of this increase very shortly.

Undeterred by the poor business conditions existing in Ramsgate at present, our savings group secretaries have been unremitting in their efforts and it is mainly through their energy and the ready response given by the public that this increase has been obtained.

To you all we say "Thank you," and having won our "Victory Wings" we must and will see that Ramsgate savings continue at the high pitch required to prosecute this war to a victorious conclusion.

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NAMES BEGINNING:	WHEN TO GO:	WHERE TO GO:
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A & B	May 24, 25 & 26	RAMSGATE—44 Queen Street AND MARGATE—The Food Office, Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children. Hours—9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
C & D	May 27, 28 & 31	Ditto
E, F & G	June 1, 2 & 3	Ditto
H, I & J	June 4, 7 & 8	Ditto
BROADSTAIRS		
A	May 24 & 25	THE FOOD OFFICE 46 High Street
B	May 26, 27 & 28	
C & D	May 31 and June 1	Hours—9.15 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
E, F & G	June 2, 3 & 4	Closed—Mid-day 1.0 to 2 p.m.

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Fill in page 3 (the Reference Leaf) of your present ration book exactly as directed on that page.
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Courage and Determination

AWARD TO SQDN.-LDR. D. B. PEARSON

Elder son of Councillor B. J. Pearson, until recently Chairman of Broadstairs Council, Sqdn.-Ldr. Donald Bertram Pearson, R.A.F., who is serving in Burma, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The citation states: "Since April last year he has commanded his flight and has flown on many photographic sorties over enemy-occupied territories, securing excellent photographs. Throughout this period he has set a magnificent example of skill, courage and determination."

YOUTH SUNDAY

EMPIRE SERVICE AT MARGATE

Several organisations were represented at St. John's Church, Margate, on Sunday, when a special service was held in celebration of Emipre Youth Sunday.

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. J. Cornford) were present and the congregation included members of the Margate Sea Cadet Corps, Margate Flights of the Thanet Squadron A.T.C., Army Cadet Corps, the Girls' Training Corps, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

Thanksgiving was said for the Allied victory and prayers were offered for the British Empire and our Allies. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. Percival Smith).

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4th (THANET) CADET BATT., THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer—Capt. H. D. Rose. Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Part 1 (parades) orders for week commencing May 16th.

To-day.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. A and C Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjutant for C.O.

Taken Prisoner.—Adopted by St. Peter's Youth Fellowship when he was stationed in the district some time ago, Gilbert Jackman, of the Hampshire Regiment, was reported to have been taken prisoner in the fighting in North Africa.

Mr. H. B. Hyland

PASSING OF RAMSGATE BUSINESS MAN

One of Ramsgate's most prominent business men for many years, Mr. Herbert Bright Hyland, of the firm of Lewis and Hyland, of Ramsgate and Folkestone, passed away at Malvern last week at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Hyland, whose home was at Chilston, Broadstairs, was the fifth and youngest son of the late Mr. Frederick Hyland, of Ashford, Kent.

Forty years ago a new firm, known as Messrs. Lewis, Hyland and Linom, acquired the drapery business conducted by Mr. Henry Syrett in Harbour-street, Ramsgate. Some years later a tailoring and gentlemen's outfitting department was added and the premises underwent considerable improvement and modernisation. In more recent years a cafe was provided on the first floor.

Mr. Hyland always took a great interest in the welfare of his staff and insisted on a high standard of attention to the customers.

Although he had not sat on the bench in recent years, Mr. Hyland was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Ramsgate about 20 years ago. He was at one time prominently associated with Ramsgate Advancement Association and Chamber of Commerce, had served on the committee of Ramsgate General Hospital and was a vice-president of St. George's Cricket Club.

The funeral took place at Ashford on Wednesday.

GO WEST YOUNG LADY

ERROL FLYNN AT KING'S

Mirth, music and melodrama are packed into "Go West, Young Lady," in which Penny Singleton and Glenn Ford star at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Miss Singleton takes a holiday from her popular appearances as "Blondie" and plays the part of a young heroine, a sprightly dancer who knows how to handle a gun. Ford is the frontier marshal whose efforts to round up a dangerous villain lead to many humorous situations. Dealing with the unsung heroes of the intelligence service who daily risk their lives in counter-espionage, "Sabotage Squad," starring Bruce Bennett and Kay Harris, is the supporting film.

"Desperate Journey," starring Errol Flynn and Ronald Reagan, which heads the bill on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is a story that fully lives up to its exciting title. The thrilling film tells of the extraordinary adventures of five members of a British bomber who are shot down during a bombing mission over Germany. Other members of the crew who find themselves prisoners are Alan Hale, Arthur Kennedy and Ronald Sinclair. Raymond Massey appears as a Nazi officer.

"BUT FOR THE BUSES"

With the coming of spring, we are apt to allow our thoughts to roll back to pre-war England. Now is the time we should be fixing details for the annual outing, making arrangements for the annual holiday, planning week-ends by the sea, picnic parties in the country, booking our coach seat to the Derby, to the Tattoo, for Navy Week, Hendon, etc., and because we Britons love our countryside, we prefer, wherever possible, to travel by road.

The bus and coach services catered for our every need with clockwork regularity. At this time of year bus company staffs would be working at full pressure on schedules, placing the heavy service where it was thought to be needed, finishing the winter overhauls—in short seeing that every bus wheel would be turning for our convenience.

Having remembered this and gained the pleasure of the thought, we come back to reality. We realise it's 1943. The British people are fighting their greatest fight in history, every effort that went to pleasure is now strained for the war. This beautiful England has turned itself into the greatest island fortress in the world—we people alone have barred the progress of the German hordes. We are now preparing for the greatest spring of our lives.

The coaches have gone, the buses are striving to meet the demands of war. Bus companies are advising us through advertisements how to co-operate in saving fuel and rubber. Let us keep in our mind each time we travel on a bus, "But for the buses"—how different things would be.

THREE ARSON CHARGES

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quired a naked flame to ignite the liquid. The contents of the room were of an inflammable nature and a serious fire might quickly have developed.

Burnt Flag.

Bdr. Albert Henry John Davey, R.A., said that at 10 a.m. on 29th April he went to the basement of 25 Albion-place. In a corner of the back room he found a flag screwed up and this had been burning. The fire had apparently originated under a window for it was there that the parquet floor was scorched. Some liquid had been splashed on the walls.

P/S Buddle said that at 1.55 a.m. on 1st May, in consequence of a message from the N.F.S., he went to 24 Camden-square and found that an outbreak of fire had occurred in a front room on the second floor. Members of the N.F.S. under Com.-Off. Pritchard, were dealing with the fire, which was quickly extinguished.

The premises had been left insecure and several articles of furniture were in the house. An old piano was left in the front basement room. In the front ground floor room there was a considerable quantity of old bedding flock and in the first floor front room an old couch with no outer covering. Lying on this couch was a quantity of stuffing material. In the second floor front room there was another old couch, an armchair and a table. The head of this couch was towards a wooden partition at the top of the stairs and the table was between the couch and the back wall of the room. The couch was almost burnt out and the floor boards were burnt through and badly charred under the couch.

The legs of the table were badly charred and it appeared that the fire had been smouldering for a considerable time and a great heat generated, as paintwork in the room had melted and blistered severely. There was nothing to indicate how the fire had originated but it appeared that it might have started under the couch.

Defendant's Statement.

D/C Hopper said that at about 3.30 a.m. on 1st May he received a communication as a result of which he examined 24 Camden-square with P/S Buddle. At 5.30 p.m. the same day he was with P/C Jordan in King-street when he saw the accused.

Darrington was taken to the police station where, after being cautioned by P/C Jordan, he made a statement.

In the statement Darrington said he got over the back wall of 19 Wellington-crescent, went down the steps and through the back door. Looking round the ground floor he picked up some old newspaper placards, took some bills and put them down by a wooden screen. He put a match to the paper but did not think that would do any harm. After that he went into Albion-gardens and then to the basement of the old clinic, where he had a look at some electrical machinery. He picked up a bottle containing chemical, some of which he poured on the floor and put a match to it. There was still a little bluish flame when he left and he went back afterwards and put the fire out completely.

The same day, continued D/C Hopper, he was told accused wished to see him and Darrington then said "I did light the one in Camden-square last night. I threw a match on the sofa."

In a further statement Darrington said "Just before 8 o'clock I went into one of the houses in Camden-square and played the piano in the basement. I then went to the top of the house and lit a cigarette and threw the lighted match on to the couch. There was not a bit of smoke at all."

On Tuesday, 4th May, witness said he took photographs of the interior and exterior of 24 Camden-square.

Visit to Health Offices.

P/C Jordan told the court that he was instructed to make enquiries concerning a series of fires which had taken place in Ramsgate and went to the old municipal health offices.

Later, when accompanied by D/C Hopper, he saw Darrington in King-street and defendant said "I don't know anything about it." At the police station witness said to him "I have reason to believe that you know something about these fires, especially a fire which occurred at the clinic." He replied "I don't know anything about it. I have never been in that vicinity." Witness then said "You were there," and showed him the charred flag, and in reply he said "I did light a fire there. I poured some liquid substance on the floor."

Continuing, P/C Jordan said he saw defendant again regarding the Wellington-crescent fire. Darrington said "I did light a fire there. . . . I climbed the rear wall and got into the back yard and went inside the house by an insecure door. I saw some paper in a room and went into another room and saw some more paper. This I brought into the first room and lit it but I put it out."

D/S Fortescue said that at 4.35 p.m. on 2nd May he charged Darrington with setting fire to 24 Camden-square. He replied "Nothing at all to say," and he was then detained. At 10.50 that morning he charged accused with setting fire to 19 Wellington-crescent and he said "I have told you all about Wellington-crescent." Further charged with respect to the Albion-place fire, he replied "You know all about that one. It is in my statement."

Mother Went to Dance.

Defendant told the magistrates that on the night of the Camden-square offence his mother went to a dance and left him to look after the house. He went over to the wardens' post for about ten minutes and then along to Camden-square. Going to the back-way of No. 24, he went to the top room and lit a cigarette, throwing the match, which he thought went out, on to the couch. On his way back he went into Mrs. Coyles' house to have a chat but found that she was just going up to bed.

Mrs. Emily Mildred Coyles, of 23 La Belle Alliance-square, giving evidence on defendant's behalf, said Darrington called at her house between 7.45 and 7.50 on the evening of 30th April. He came back a little while later.

With regard to the fire at 25 Albion-place, defendant said the flag could not have smouldered because he went in afterwards and stamped on a few sparks that were on the flag.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association were Mr. L. Lawrence, Pte. Brasier, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Harty and Mrs. Walby. Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C. and Mrs. Pointer distributed the prizes.

WOUNDED IN TUNISIA

RECUPERATING AT RAMSGATE

One of the gallant band of Buffs who made several unsuccessful attempts to capture the famous Green Hill by storm in the Pont du Fahs sector of the North African front, Pte. Gordon Sampson is now in Ramsgate Hospital recovering from wounds.

Twenty-five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sampson, of 12 Cannonbury-road, Ramsgate, Gordon was injured in the left arm and both legs when a shell made a direct hit on a slit trench. One piece of shrapnel passed through his elbow joint.

An old boy of Christ Church School, he was formerly a clerk employed by Messrs. S. R. Port, builders' merchants, of Boundary-road, Ramsgate, and joined The Buffs in December, 1939.

Sailing to North Africa in November last, he went into action straight away and after taking part in much of the fighting was at Pont du Fahs when he received his injuries. Towards the end of March he was sent back to England and following a spell at a hospital in the Midlands was recently transferred to Ramsgate General Hospital.

Pte. Sampson is a married man.

STEAD—PROUT

RAMSGATE SAILOR WEDS

Home on seven days' leave after another adventurous voyage, E/R/A Eric John Stead, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stead, of 11 Belmont-road, Ramsgate, was married at Ramsgate Register Office last week.

His bride was Miss Patricia Yvonne Prout, only daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Prout of 2 Hatfield-road, Ramsgate.

Eric is 22, an old boy of Ellington School, and joined the Royal Navy in

July, 1940. He was among the survivors of the Ark Royal and since that time has served in a corvette which was torpedoed.

The bride, who is employed by the N.A.A.F.I., wore a check tweed costume, and the best man was Mr. Fred Hall, a friend of the bridegroom. Miss Nora Higgins, a Ramsgate member of the N.A.A.F.I., was also present.

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Stead left for a short honeymoon at Coulsdon, Surrey.

SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY

EAST KENT GOOD TEMPLARY

Good Templars from various parts of East Kent met at Ashford on Saturday for the 276th quarterly session of the East Kent District Lodge.

Among the local representatives were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mrs. R. Watt, Mrs. R. Hunt, Mrs. R. Drayson, Miss Amos and Miss Martin (Ramsgate), Mr. and Mrs. T. McCabe and Mrs. Ware (Broadstairs).

Mr. H. Jeffery, D.C.T. (Ashford), presided, and gave a detailed account of the various activities of each lodge in the district. Dealing with the Thanet area he said he could only repeat that the members seized every opportunity for service and also made opportunities. A very pleasing feature was that a real spirit of fraternity existed, each lodge being always ready to assist the other.

Mr. Jeffery said Temperance education was their peculiar job. It might be that they had not always performed their task as well as they could have done, yet they had much to their credit. They should be proud of their order and the East Kent District. In spite of all difficulties their work had gone on. Serving members would come back to find their lodge doors open and take up the work again. They were not forgetting their training nor the association of their lodges.

They had been cheered, said Mr. Jeffery, by news that seemed to bring nearer the day of re-union, thanks to the steadfast courage of the members of the forces. Might they at home emulate their steadfast courage and so carry on the proud traditions of East Kent Templary, traditions that were in their keeping and were safe in the hands of the stalwarts who faced all and dared all to keep their flag flying in the difficult and challenging days.

The report of the juvenile section was given by Mr. Harley (Sellindge) who, in paying a compliment to the Thanet branches, said they were progressive and enthusiastic.

Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen, P.D.V.T., gave a statement showing how a substantial amount had been raised towards the upkeep of the Good Templar Orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames.

Other reports dealing with legislative and educational matters were given by the various departmental officers.

During the course of the proceedings one lady candidate from Broadstairs had the degree of Charity conferred upon her, and short addresses were given by the Rev. George Ward (Crayford) and Mr. A. T. Scott (Folkestone).

An invitation to hold the summer session at Dover in August was accepted.

Votes of thanks to the officers and reception committee were carried with acclamation.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 10.33 p.m. TILL 5.19 a.m.

RAMSGATE WINS ITS WINGS

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damaged a railway locomotive and then destroyed a Heinkel III over the sea.

"My own squadron has damaged over a hundred locomotives since November," said Sqdn.-Ldr. Ingle amidst applause.

The Mayor said they were very grateful for the help they had received during the week from R.A.F. personnel.

From Workers' Homes.

"I think we should be proud of the fact that once again Ramsgate has passed its target," said the Mayor. "This has in the main been due to the efforts of the working people of this town. It is the small man who has brought about this wonderful result. About £80,000 of the money which had to that time been subscribed, said the Mayor, had come from the workers' homes in Ramsgate. In all the special efforts which had been made about 70 per cent. of the money had come from small people and there were not many towns in the country which could claim such a record.

Thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the week were expressed by Alderman W. Hawkins, vice-chairman of Ramsgate Savings Committee.

Alderman Hawkins also paid tribute to the work put in at the exhibition by R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm personnel and among others to whom he expressed thanks were P/O Jennings and the A.T.C. for taking charge of the aircraft recognition competition, members of the W.V.S. under Mrs. Blinko, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill for providing the film shows, Mr. Leslie Hogbin and Mrs. E. Billingham for arranging and carrying through the auctions, the staff of the selling centre, the group secretaries, Mr. Arthur Aird and members of the Works Department for providing the backgrounds and stands for the exhibition, the joint secretaries for the week, Messrs. H. E. Wright and H. H. Prestedge, and last but by no means least, Mr. W. E. C. Vincent, the exhibition organiser.

Tribute was also paid to the work of the Mayor and Mayoress and Mrs. D. Peete, who were responsible for organising the flag day and the entertainments which took place during the week.

ODEON BIDS

HELP WINGS FOR VICTORY

Instead of their usual stage entertainment at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, the audience were given the opportunity to bid for some attractive lots, including that almost forgotten luxury—a grapefruit.

Mr. Leslie Hogbin conducted the auction and the bidding for the grapefruit, which started at 5s., finished at 15s. A pair of season tickets presented by the Odeon were knocked down at £2 5s. and four volumes dealing with the Boer War fetched 35s.

An impressive spectacle was provided by 12 A.T.C. cadets under two flight-sergeants, who escorted the Mayor down the centre aisle of the auditorium, while a spotlight played on the huge R.A.F. badge mounted on the curtaining of the stage.

The Mayor told the patrons that the week had been a big triumph for the man in the street for he subscribed the bulk of the money. Since the beginning of the war the town had saved over £1,000,000 and £700,000 of that had been the subscriptions of the workers. He appealed to them to keep up the good work, for if they hoarded their money and Germany won the war it wouldn't be worth a dime to them.

"We have had a pretty sticky time down here," concluded the Mayor, "but we are still smiling. Let it be a real victory smile this week."

F/O Carter and F/O Dunn, both of No. 2 (A.C.) Squadron, addressed the audience, the former speaking of the history of his squadron.

AUCTIONS PRODUCE £111

In addition to providing amusing entertainment on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon, the auction of gifts, organised by Mr. Leslie Hogbin and Mrs. E. Billingham, produced the very fine sum of £111 2s. to help meet the expenses of organising the week.

Well over 100 gifts were received, ranging from a grandfather clock to jewellery, silk stockings, bananas, eggs, oranges and lemons.

The grandfather clock realised £20 but as all the articles were not so readily saleable, the auctioneer and his assistants had a strenuous time.

Thanks are expressed to all donors of gifts and it is regretted that limitations of space prevent individual mention.

AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION WINNERS

One of the outstanding successes of the exhibition was the aircraft recognition competition, in charge of P/O Jennings.

The competition was divided into three classes—those for members of the A.T.C., other services, and members of the general public.

Twenty-nine model aircraft were displayed and 28 of that number were identified by four members of the A.T.C., one member of the general public and one representative of the other services.

The prizewinners were:

A.T.C. (prizes value 7s. 6d. each)—Cpl. Gellatly, Cpl. W. Birch, 1st Cl. Cdt. D. H. Prestedge and Cdt. W. Kember.

Other services—1, Sgt. Bull, R.A. (prize value 10s.); 2, Gnr. Haworth, A.A. (prize value 5s.).

General public—1, Master P. Wallage, aged 14½, Alfred-road, Birchington (prize value 10s.); 2, F. Spain, St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate (prize value 5s.).

AN ABSOLUTE TREAT

N.F.S. CONCERT SUCCESS

"An absolute treat."

It was in those words that the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge) summed up the Wings for Victory Week concert at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, and a huge audience sincerely endorsed his sentiments with a long round of applause.

Seldom has Ramsgate seen such undoubted talent packed into one show—nearly four hours' variety incorporating all the necessary elements. Every artiste was up to scratch and from the word "go" even the most fastidious would have found it very difficult to single out anyone for criticism. "Only the best" must have been the slogan of part-time Fireman F. Warden, who organised the entertainment on behalf of the National Fire Service. Modestly he did not appear on the stage to take his bow but the audience gave him a big "thank you" for a delightful evening.

Bdr. S. Bor, R.A., who is known to radio listeners, began the programme by leading a small Army band in lively and melodious numbers. A versatile player, Bdr. Bor appeared later on, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Perry, in faultless renderings of Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois" and "Tambourin Chinois" and Dvorak's "Songs my mother taught me." His violin sounded well, too, in a duet with guitar, played by Tony Alton, who voice was pleasing in modern numbers.

Then came Flt.-Lt. Sabel, R.A.F. (Robert Linton, of the B.B.C.). He had the compere's job but was a turn in himself and the audience took to him straight away. With a fund of humorous and appropriate stories, he had a happy knack of introducing the acts and giving the artistes just the right "build-up." He announced "Freda" as a startling blonde—the sort of girl he dreamed about—but the audience had a great surprise in store for them, for "Freda," the nippy Naafi, came on in the person of Acm. Fred Jones. He was a great girl.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the singing of the "Moments Musical" singers—a party of five youths from Tunbridge Wells, who are all boys and old boys of Cranbrook School. They proved that there is no singing quite so beautiful as that of well-trained choirboys, and Alderman Mockridge's "absolute treat" might well have referred to their efforts, in particular their moving rendering of "The Holy City." The singers were Alex Rush (leader), Richard Ibbett, Bernard Warden, son of the organiser, and Peter Harold, and Owain Davies at the piano gave a classical solo.

Singing of a different kind, but equally appreciated, was offered by the 5th Ramsgate Boy Scouts, under their Scoutmaster, Mr. R. J. S. Woodward. Seated round a good imitation of a camp fire, they entered into the spirit of rollicking Scout songs and enjoyed themselves as much as the audience.

Two Sketches.

Two sketches—one a comedy and the other quite dramatic—featured in the programme. In the humorous scene Ldg.-Fm. C. Castle and Ldg.-Fm. J. Perkins, as a couple of beggars, pulled the wool over the eyes of Fm. A. Reed and Miss Pamela Duckett, but failed to impress the austere, knee-bending policeman, Mr. A. Smith. The company gave us the shivers in their somewhat gruesome sketch, "Dr. Harcourt's Dream," by Ldg.-Fm. Alf Challenger, the cast of which included Fm. A. Reed, A. Dines and W. Maxted and Fwm. Joan Milgate.

The N.F.S. played their part in the musical side of the programme, too, and Fm. Maxted led community singing with his accordeon, but the efforts of the "Gooners" band were unmusical to say the least. Their very light cavalry overture ended in chaos but they succeeded in making plenty of noise and their costumes were ridiculously funny. Fm. E. Shilling was the incapable conductor and the members of the most unorthodox band in creation were Ldg.-Fm. Challenger and Fm. Reed, A. Dines, Maxted, J. Marley and E. Cooper.

Sonny Platt, of the A.T.S., was a charming entertainer and her sprightly tap and toe dancing were a delight to watch.

Ldg.-Fm. Perkins, assisted by Ldg.-Fm. Castle, had us guessing with some clever illusions, and his act was followed by Mr. H. V. Betts, reciting another of his stirring monologues, "The Strange Armada," dedicated to the seamen heroes who brought the boys back from Dunkirk.

The programme was rounded off in bright style by a Royal Air Force band led by Acm. Harry Strain, whose saxophone and clarinet solos were well applauded. Acwm. "Darkie" Bowers and Ldg.-Acwm. Joan Heaton appeared with the band.

In addition to his appearances on the stage, Ldg.-Fm. Castle worked well behind the scenes as stage manager.

The appreciation felt by the audience which included Div.-Off. Denne, N.F.S., and other officers from Maidstone, was voiced afterwards by Alderman Mockridge, who expressed confidence in the service in their more serious work.

Good show, N.F.S. Ramsgate will look for another from you.

MAYOR AS PITCHER

AMERICAN BASEBALL STARS AT RAMSGATE

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) turned baseball player on Thursday when he made the first pitch in a match between two all-star American teams at Chatham House grounds.

A crowd of over 1,500 people watched a thrilling game and even if the majority of them were unable to "get the hang" of the rules, they enjoyed a novel and colourful spectacle.

Two U.S. Army teams—the Signal Corps and the Air Force—dressed in bright red and blue respectively, demonstrated the game which is dear to American hearts and Lt. H. Stribling, brother of Young Stribling, the famous boxer, did his best to explain to an enthusiastic crowd what was going on. The match resulted in an 11—4 victory for the Air Force.

One thing was easy to realise—that baseball is a tough game, and much quicker than the English cricket. All the players in this sport have to have their wits about them, particularly the batsman, wielding a long narrow club, who faces a hard ball the same size as that used in cricket, thrown at lightning speed by the pitcher.

Crowds of people lined the side of two bases and Lt. Stribling constantly had to warn them to keep clear and duck their heads when a swift ball came among them. For the players themselves it seemed amazing that they managed to avoid injury so expertly.

One amusing feature of the match was the commentator's constant exhortation of the onlookers to barrack the players as much as they pleased. Sporting fans in this country are much less apt to voice their opinions of the rival team than in America, where barracking is regarded as part of the game. Sections of the crowd at Chatham House, however, soon took sides and, if they were a bit reserved at first, they warmed up as the game progressed, cheering their side and telling the others where they got off.

For the opportunity of seeing America's national game, the patrons were indebted to the Ramsgate N.F.S., wh arranged the match, and who entertained the players during their stay in the town.

The teams were: Signal Corps—Pfc. W. Lewis (New Mexico), S/Sgt. M. Brown (Tennessee), Cpl. G. Litton (Mississippi), Cpl. J. O'Neill (Illinois), Cpl. N. B. Mullinix (Tennessee), Sgt. E. J. Bojak (Illinois), Pfc. M. A. Vacca (New York), Cpl. W. E. Spalding (South Carolina) and Pte. T. Clark (Texas); Air Force—M/Sgt. M. H. Cattanea (New Jersey), Pfc. Davis (Pennsylvania), Sgt. G. Trocheck (Pennsylvania), Cpl. F. Nierengarten (Minnesota), Sgt. G. Knowlton (Ohio), S/Sgt. A. Capozzoli (Pennsylvania), T/Sgt. A. Smith (New York), Sgt. C. Johnson (Georgia), Sgt. H. Jenkins (North Carolina). Umpire: Lt. K. Herbster (ex-University coach). Utility men: S/Sgt. E. Freeman (Texas), Sgt. W. Bartlett (Maryland), Pte. F. Rouse (New York), Sgt. P. Boltano (New York). Bat and water boys: Tiger Steed, jun. (North Carolina) and Sgt. B. G. Wynne (New York).

OVER 800 AT BALL

The Wings for Victory ball at the West Cliff Theatre on Thursday was easily the most successful event of its kind that has been held in the town in recent years.

The crowd numbered over 800 and was representative of all the services. Among those who attended were members of the American baseball teams who played at Chatham House in the afternoon and of No. 2 (A.C.) Squadron, who assisted at the exhibition.

Music was provided by an R.A.F. band.

CAN WE FORGET?

Big audiences at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, on the last three evenings last week heard Mr. H. V. Betts recite his poem "Can We Forget?" a tribute to the men who fought in the Battle of Britain.

Mr. Betts, who received a warm welcome, was introduced by the manager, Mr. S. G. Blackburn, who recalled that 20 years previously on the same stage Mr. Betts recited the prologue to the famous film "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

WINGS WHIST

Fourteen tables were in play at a Wings for Victory whist drive at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

Mr. W. Pook was M.C. and the Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe) distributed the prizes to Mrs. Scott, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Attwell, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Pook, Mr. Wright and Sgt. Reddick.

GIFT TO TREASURY

By making and selling artificial flowers to her friends, Miss Gertrude Armstrong, of 6 Granville-gardens, Ramsgate, raised the sum of £9. This she has handed to the local savings committee as a gift to the Treasury for the purchase of a dinghy.

AEROBATIC DISPLAY

INAUGURATES MINSTER'S WEEK

Six aeroplanes gave an aerobatic display over the Recreation Ground at the inauguration of Minster Wings for Victory Week on Saturday.

The opening ceremony was preceded by a parade composed of detachments of the Army, R.A.F. Regiment, W.A.A.F., Home Guard, Women's Land Army, A.T.C., Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

Councillor G. M. Norton, chairman of the Wings for Victory Committee, said their target of £6,000 was high, but if they all did their best they would achieve it.

Sqdn.-Ldr. G. F. McIvor, R.A.F., who declared the week open, said Wings for Victory Weeks provided a healthy team spirit in the country.

Children's sports were held during the afternoon.

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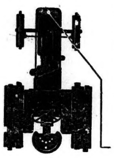

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MISS A. E. HAZLEDINE

DEATH OF DAUGHTER OF FORMER ST. LUKE'S VICAR

Miss Anne Eleanor Hazledine, who died recently at Middle Claydon, Bucks., was the daughter of the late Rev. F. J. Hazledine, Vicar of St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, from 1905 to 1912.

St. Luke's parishioners will recall that during his vicariate Mr. Hazledine carried out many improvements at the church, including the moving of the organ from the west end gallery to the chancel. He was well-known for his work on Ramsgate Hospital Committee and died in Uganda in 1923. His widow is living at Beaconsfield.

Miss Hazledine devoted most of her life to teaching and was a Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music. She was also well-known as an artist and exhibitions of her water colours were held in London and New Zealand. Assistant Director of the Y.W.C.A. Central Club in Great Russell-street for some time, she afterwards superintended and opened clubs and hostels at Worthing, Reading, Bath and Epsom.

Her brother, the Rev. W. S. Hazledine, Rector of Middle and East Claydon, visited Ramsgate every summer until the war, when his boys were at St. Lawrence College, and he played cricket for the Old Lawrentians.

Mrs. Ernest Perry, an active worker at St. Luke's, was among those present at the funeral.

JAM AND CORNED BEEF

RAMSGATE BOYS IN TROUBLE

Two Ramsgate boys, aged 12 and 11, told the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday that they stole three tins of corned beef and a 7lb. jar of jam at Broadstairs, and then went to a chalk pit to eat the beef.

With a third lad, aged 11, they were accused of stealing 13 Army badges, two petrol lighters, a watch chain ornament, rubber ball, cycle carrier strap, a foreign coin and two glass marbles, together valued at 10s. 6d., the property of Rose Helen Hunt, from 25 Winstanley-crescent, Ramsgate.

They all admitted the offence and C/I Butcher told the court that at 4 p.m. on 20th April, after a complaint had been received, D/C Honey went to the address with the intention of examining the premises. He heard a commotion inside and then saw three boys run away, but managed to catch them in St. Luke's-avenue. From their pockets they produced the articles mentioned in the case.

While D/C Honey was making his enquiries he noticed a 7lb. jar of jam at the house. As a result Broadstairs police were communicated with and two of the boys wished an offence of stealing the jam and three tins of corned beef to be taken into consideration.

All the boys admitted that they ate the corned beef in a chalk pit, although the third denied that he took part in the theft of the food.

Two of them were placed on probation for a year and the other, referred to as the ring-leader, was ordered to be sent to a remand home for observation.

C/I Butcher informed the bench that no vacancy existed in the remand home at present and the case against the boy was adjourned for a month, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) stating that the boy should be sent to the home if a vacancy occurred in the meantime.

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COLLAPSED IN CLASS

SCHOOLMASTER'S TRAGIC DEATH

It came as a shock to his many friends in Ramsgate and Stafford to learn of the tragic death on Tuesday of Mr. A. W. Gunstone, for 12 years a member of the staff of Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

Earlier this year Mr. Gunstone was transferred from the staff of Chatham House to the staff of Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells.

Although he had not enjoyed good health in recent years, Mr. Gunstone seemed his usual self when he went to school on Tuesday morning. Shortly after his arrival he collapsed suddenly and died.

Following a distinguished career at Liverpool University, Mr. Gunstone held a headmastership in India for a number of years.

He identified himself intimately with the life of Chatham House.

In a recent issue of "Old Ruymian Notes," Mr. L. C. Philpott wrote:

"He expected a high standard from his pupils, and to those who disappointed him in this respect he appeared a hard taskmaster; he was not one to suffer fools gladly, but those who were prepared to work, however backward they might be, must already know that they were indeed privileged to be instructed by him.

"Those of us who knew him outside the classroom found him ever-ready to help and to undertake thankless, distasteful and unpopular tasks. Knowing his own poor health and that of Albert, together with his anxiety over the safety and welfare of his daughter in enemy-occupied China, we sometimes marvelled at his energy and his philosophic cheerfulness. There is no doubt that his deep religious conviction upheld him in these troubles and many will remember his addresses at school services, while the Stafford and Ramsgate Congregational communities owed much to his services as a preacher."

Mr. Gunstone was a deacon of Ramsgate Congregational Church and was held in great esteem as a local preacher.

He was very fond of a game of bowls and was frequently to be seen on the green at the St. Lawrence Cliffs.

THE BOTTLES RATTLED

STOLEN WHISKY CHARGE

Accidentally kicking against an attache case at Minster railway station, a police sergeant heard the rattle of bottles.

There was a sequel at Margate police court on Wednesday when Pte. Melville William John Homer, aged 23, was charged with stealing five bottles of whisky, the property of persons unknown, and Pte. Edmund Arthur Charles Dowling, aged 24, was charged with receiving four bottles of whisky, knowing them to have been stolen.

P/S Wilkinson, stationed at Minster, said that at 8.45 p.m. on Monday he was in the booking office at Minster railway station when he accidentally kicked an attache case standing on the floor. He heard sounds similar to bottles knocking together, and easing the lid he found that the case contained four large bottles of whisky. As a result of inquiries he saw Dowling at 9.15 p.m. in the carriage of a train about to leave Minster for Deal, and told him that he had reason to believe his attache case contained stolen property. Dowling replied that he bought the bottles from Pte. Homer for £3.

At midnight, continued witness, he saw Homer at Birchington and explained the nature of his inquiries. He said "About three weeks ago a man came up to me outside the King's Head public-house, Margate, and said 'Would you like to buy some whisky?' He let me have five bottles for £3 15s. I don't know who the man is, but I think I have seen him on one previous occasion in the King's Head public-house."

On the application of C/I Fleet, both men were remanded on bail for 14 days.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Pte. E. F. Drayson, a son of Mr. F. R. Drayson, of Ramsgate, has been serving in Egypt for two years and has now been transferred to France. He has two brothers with the colours, one a despatch rider in the A.S.C. (M.T.) and the other with the R.N.V.R.

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Pte. Edward Sparkes, of Ramsgate, has been killed in action in France, having been hit in the back by a splinter from a shell. He was 21 years of age.

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Cpl. C. Holliday, Royal West Surreys, of 1 Pyson's-road, Northwood, who has been a prisoner in Germany for 18 months, writes that he thinks he will be leaving that country for "a place where all prisoners go," meaning Holland.

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Pte. J. G. Blackwell, The Buffs, of 32 Percy-road, Ramsgate, who has been wounded in the arm in Palestine, has written home to say that he is going on fairly well. He is a former Broadstairs postman.

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Lt. Herbert Edward Billot, of Dane Park-road, Ramsgate, has died of wounds in France. Twenty-eight years old, he had served in the Canadian Army since the outbreak of war. His father was for six years Chief Coastguard at Ramsgate and is now serving in the town as a special constable.

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Two sons of Mrs. Waldron, of 21 Albert-street, Ramsgate, have gained war honours. The elder, Sgt. H. E. Waldron, has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre, and the younger, L/Cpl. A. C. Waldron, the Military Medal for gallantry in action on the Somme.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

MARGATE COLLEGE FIRE

Damage estimated at between £1,500 and £2,000 was caused by a serious fire which broke out at the New College, Dalby-square, Margate, on Tuesday morning. Some of the occupants were awakened about three o'clock by a strong smell of burning wood and on going downstairs found the library and dining-hall in flames. The fire by this time had gained a strong hold and was quickly spreading to other departments at the western end of the building. The Rev. G. H. Jones gave the alarm to the police and fire brigade, and within a few minutes of the firing of the maroon, Supt. Wells and 15 members of the brigade were on the scene. The blaze was brought under control in an hour.

KILLED IN AFRICA

Nineteen-year-old Dvr. Ernest W. D. Fuller, Royal Corps of Signals, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller, of 80 High-street, Garlinge, is reported killed in action in North Africa.

He joined the Army last August and was sent abroad in March. A member of the Garlinge troop of Boy Scouts, he was in the Home Guard before entering the Army.

MINSTER.

Hospital Committee Chairmanship.—One of Minster Council's representatives on the Eastry Rural District Council, the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry has been elected chairman of the Rural District Council Isolation Hospital Committee.

For the Y.M.C.A.—Organised by Mrs. Lucas on behalf of Minster War Comforts Fund Entertainments Committee, a dance at Minster Parish Hall on Saturday realised £3 13s. 6d. on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Music was provided by Don Beerling's band.

Whist.—Thirteen tables were in play at a whist drive held by Minster War Comforts Fund Committee on behalf of the A.T.C. Welfare Fund at the Parish Hall on Wednesday. Major W. Howard was M.C. Prizewinners were Mrs. Farbrace, Mr. Read, Mr. T. Pain, Mrs. Cornelius, Mr. L. Lawrence, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Shillson.

Football Medals.—The Commanding Officer, Flt.-Lt R. W. Spratling, visited Minster on Tuesday to present medals to boys of the Minster Flight of the Air Training Corps who won the inter-flight football competition. Flt.-Sgt. R. Bushell received his medal before joining the R.A.F. last week and others to receive medals were Sgt. Lilliott, Cpl. Hogben, Cpl. White, Cpl. Harlow and Cdts. Hammond, Kempe, Pelley, Fagg, Huckstep, Downes and Locke.

Wedding.—L/Sgt. Sydney Percival Smith, R.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Smith, of 3 Tothill-terrace, Minster, was married at the Dockyard Church, Sheerness, last week, to Miss Betty Winifred Rogers, A.T.S., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rogers of Queenborough-road, Sheerness. The Rev. R. H. Clayton officiated and Mr. A. G. Smith, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin brocade and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss H. P. Rogers, who wore a dress of pale pink organdie. Her bouquet was of Spanish iris and lilies of the valley. The honeymoon was spent at Strood.

REGULARS BEAT SPECIALS

In an inter-police shooting match on Tuesday the regulars and auxiliaries of the Ramsgate Division of the Kent County Constabulary defeated the special constabulary by 268 points to 234.

Regulars—D/C Oram 15 and 20, P/S Rogers 18 and 15, W/R Hollands 18 and 10, W/R Scott 14 and 15, P/C Housden 18 and 20, P/C Shanahan 16 and 20, W/A/P/C Wales 16 and 15, T/P/S Jenner 18 and 20.

Specials—S/C Fearn 19 and 15, S/C Wilson 18 and 10, S/C Luckett 18 and 10, S/C Whitling 16 and 0, S/C Hearnden 19 and 20, S/C Wales 19 and 15, S/C Parncott 17 and 10, S/C Mockridge 13 and 15.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

FAMILY CIRCLE

by

Harold A. Albert

The bags were packed and waiting in the empty, desolate hall, and the station taxi would soon be in the drive. Nanny wanted to linger as her eyes cast farewell over the little room under the eaves, but the exclaiming echoes of the new owners of Challis came drifting up the stairs with an undertone from the auctioneer's clerk in querulous answer. Then, as she closed the door, the key sprang clattering from the lock just as it had done thirty years before, and suddenly time seemed to have spun a full circle.

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For an instant she was a girl again, standing irresolute upon the attic landing, smoothing her new lawn apron. "Come down to a nice cup of tea when you've unpacked, Mary Ellen," cook had said.

But the vista of the unfamiliar stairway, leading to new and unknown experience, had daunted her. She had gone back into the room and stared from the window. Far down the meadow she could see the children weaving daisy chains, and, beyond the screen of poplars, a furniture van was standing outside the house next door. Then she had known that change comes to everyone, and she had been comforted.

She had been so shy. Now, every inch of the house was warm with her memories; the stairs creaking beneath her feet were the soft murmurs of old friends. This was the banister where she had seen Sylvie and Conrad peeping inquisitively on her second day in service; this was where she had stood and heard their giggles and the rush of their retreating feet. This was the awkward corridor step where Conrad had fallen—bless him, he was always falling!—and she could almost hear his bellow of shock and pain.

There was the very chink in the wainscot where Gerald, their cousin, had always pretended to post letters to his parents in India. And this was the alcove where Gerald had darted out, tugging at her skirt, that first Christmas.

"Mary Ellen, we love you so! Are you going to stay with us always?"

"I don't know, dearie."

But she had known. She had been proof positive then that she would always be happy at Challis.

Now she stood at the head of the strangely uncarpeted corridor, and a hand fluttered up to her heart. In Madame's room a blind-cord bobbin stirred in the wind and the sound reminded her of the way Madame had had of tapping her foot as she talked.

"Mary Ellen, you seem to get on so uncommonly well with the children. Now that their cousin Anne is an orphan, poor mite, she, too, will be coming here. We shall have to engage a Nanny, of course, unless you would like——"

"Oh, Madame!"

The recollection drew her irresistibly into the nursery again. It looked so small and bleak with the furniture gone, but there, against the fixed cupboard, still were the pencil-marks by which she had measured the children, Anne and Sylvie finally a foot below Gerald, and Conrad outstripping them all.

They were all grown up long ago, but on the window-pane there glimmered the scratches where Conrad had marked the initials of the girl next door, and somehow they annoyed her still. She glanced at the fireplace, and back came one of those rainy days when the children were in their teens and bored from staying in, and came trooping up to what had become Nanny's sitting-room for muffins and tea.

"Nanny, tell us our fortunes by the cards!"

"Madame wouldn't like——"

"Oh, Nanny, do!"

Then she would tell them. How Gerald would one day become famous as a violinist and run away with bright-eyed Sylvie. And how Conrad would marry Anne, and how they would sail twice around the world, and then all live together happily ever after.

For that had been her dream for them. It had thrived from the day when Anne, wistful and quiet, had first come to Challis. It had nourished for Nanny on the time when she had bought Gerald's second violin herself out of her savings.

Hadn't she always been careful to praise Gerald before Sylvie? Hadn't she purposely often chosen travel books for Madame's library list, knowing that Conrad would read them?

She had planned and contrived. There had been the time when the Sanders boy had first visited Challis, and she had managed to set the whole household against him. And there had been the crisis about the cost of Gerald's musical training, when she had told the master himself about the boy's secret ambitions. How glibly she had lied!

But she had always imagined how her wishes would be fulfilled. The two families would live at Challis, and she with them; and one day, when Madame was gone, she would never be gainsaid again . . .

She closed the nursery door gently. From where she stood she could see into Sylvie's room, and feel its silence, just as she had done that morning when she had found the bed not slept in, the empty wardrobe, and the missing bag; the day that Sylvie had run away to marry George Sanders.

"It's all your fault, Nanny. You put us against him. You didn't tell us the truth. You ought to know better!"

She could hear the remonstrances, the tears and entreaties. She passed the closed door of the boys' room, and it seemed she could hear them whispering again, as once she had heard them:

"It's Nan, the old fool!"

So she had been. When Sylvie failed her, she had trusted so much to Conrad and Anne. She must have been blind not to have known how much Conrad was seeing of the girl from next door.

"You've got your knife in her, Nanny!" he used to say. She had never thought he was serious—and yet he had gone off and married her. He, with his looks and his money, who might have had the whole world—and instead, had settled somewhere in London. And Anne—the little wretch! So ungrateful, going off to Australia!

At least, there had been Gerald. She paused at the door to the music-room, and she began to hum softly. Perhaps he would have been famous if his will had been stronger, if he hadn't been lazy, or so free with his money. Oh, there was nothing one didn't know about young Mr. Gerald's carryings-on. But still she had hoped that when Madame died he would come back to Challis, and she could stay on as his housekeeper.

Instead, he had sold up the house. Her Challis! First to last, they had put upon her. Selling the furniture indeed! Staying behind to make tea for the auctioneer! Putting upon her! Turning her out!

Never again, she thought. Nevermore, Nanny!

But she reflected that perhaps it would be polite to say good-bye to the new owner. He was with his wife and the auctioneer's clerk in the resonant drawing-room

"Nanny, we were hoping you might like to stay and look after our children——"

"Oh, no, sir!" she said.

But beyond the uncurtained windows she could see the glare of the sun on the meadow and the three children weaving their daisy chains. And beyond the screen of poplars, outside a house that had been empty for years, she could see a furniture van. . . .

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"Thank you, Nanny!" the new owner was saying. "We hope you'll be happy here."

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

TONIC FOR THE TIMES

GINGER ROGERS AT ODEON

Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant are together for the first time in "Once Upon a Honeymoon," which is being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

From its opening scenes when an American news broadcaster tries vainly to discourage his pretty compatriot from marrying a German baron, to its surprise conclusion aboard an American-bound liner, ten months later, the picture hits a happy note of light-hearted gaiety that makes it one of the best films of the season. There is a full supporting programme, including Movietone sound news.

Hailed as the perfect tonic for the times, "Footlight Serenade," starring Betty Grable, John Payne and Victor Mature, heads the bill for the latter part of the week. The sparkling and entertaining story tells of a cocky prize-fight champion who is persuaded to appear in a big Broadway stage production and thereafter proceeds to take charge of the whole show—including the glamorous leading lady, who happens to be someone else's wife. Victor Mature realistically portrays the boxer, as John Payne can testify, while both boys are crazy about streamlined Betty Grable. The supporting programme will include "Operational Height," a tale of the balloon ships that guard the channels to our ports.

THE FOOD FRONT

CAN YOU MAKE A SALAD?

Once it was considered almost impossible to make a salad without a lettuce, a cucumber, a tomato and a hard boiled egg.

Now we know better. We know that anything fresh and flavoursome from the garden will combine to make a salad that tastes delicious, and is worth its weight in medicine bottles.

Besides tasting good and being good for us, salads should also look good. This is easy for all the root vegetables are ours to grate raw for rich colour. Red beetroot, white turnip, creamy parsnip and the yellowy golds of carrot and swede. Then there are the greens, dark spinach, parsley and turnip top, and pungent nasturtium leaves, yellowy green of cabbage and savoy heart, tender green of young dandelion leaves.

For flavours which must be used with a sparing and clever hand, there are chives, the green of spring onions, new mint leaves, little nips of thyme, rosemary, sage, and all the other herbs. To these may be added vegetables in season, fruits, cold meat, fresh or tinned fish, scrambled egg (made with dried egg), cheese, savoury lentil and haricot bean mixtures, and macaroni.

A salad is meant to be a mixture, so be very ingenious in mixing your mixtures.

Spring Salads for 4 People.

1. Make a thick bed of shredded raw cabbage in the salad bowl. In the centre put a teacupful of grated raw turnip or swede. Round this arrange alternate piles of grated raw carrot and raw beetroot, decorate with radishes and parsley. Have plenty. All these ingredients are cheap.

2. Make a bed of 1lb. of washed and dried young spinach leaves, mingled with a few mint tip leaves, and spring onions sliced and cut into rings. On this arrange symetrically a teacupful each of diced cooked beetroot raw cauliflower divided into tiny little fleurettes, very crisp and nutty, grated raw carrot and grated swede.

Dress with 2 tablespoonsful of vinegar in which has been soaked for several hours a tablespoonful of sultanas. Season with pepper and salt.

Potato Salad.

2lbs. of potatoes
1 tablespoonful of parsley
½ tablespoonful of margarine
2 tablespoonsful of vinegar
1 small spring onion if possible

Scrub the potatoes quite clean and boil them in salted water until tender. When cool enough to handle, strip off the fine papery skin and cut the hot potatoes into small dice. Put the piece of margarine on them and with a wooden spoon carefully turn over until all the fat is absorbed. Sprinkle over the parsley and the finely minced onion (be sure to use all the green part too), then the vinegar.

Season well with salt and pepper and again turn until all the ingredients are thoroughly blended.

Eat potato salad hot or cold, but—be sure to make it while the potatoes are hot.

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FOOD FACTS

SHROPSHIRE SALAD

A recipe for a delicious, easy-to-make salad that will tempt the whole family

Shropshire Salad tastes even more delightful than it sounds!

Begin by lining your salad bowl with greenstuffs. For this, you can use lettuce separated into leaves, or shredded raw cabbage, and sprigs of watercress. Spinach can also be used, shredded raw (naturally, you'll be sure it's absolutely clean).

It doesn't really matter which of these greens you use, because they're all rich in vitamins and minerals. But cabbage, watercress and spinach are particularly rich in the important Vitamin C, which we're missing at present from fresh fruit. *Raw* vegetables are especially valuable because Vitamin C is reduced by cooking.

In fact, a salad a day is more effective than an apple in keeping the doctor away!

Mixing the ingredients

Having arranged the greens, pile in the centre a mixture of diced cooked potatoes, made as follows: Boil 1½ lb. of potatoes in their skins, allow to cool, peel and cut into squares. Then mix the diced potato in a bowl with salad dressing (see recipe below), chopped mint and chopped chives or spring onions.

Arrange a border of cooked diced carrots, beetroots or swedes round the potato and sprinkle the potato with chopped parsley or finish with a tuft of mustard and cress. And there you are!

HOME-MADE SALAD CREAM

This salad cream is easily made. You require: 2 heaped tablespoons dried milk; 1 level teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon mustard; 2-3 shakes pepper; 2 tablespoons malt vinegar; 1 tablespoon water. Mix all the dry ingredients, add the vinegar and water and beat till a smooth creamy consistency. Serve immediately.

Keep greenstuffs fresh by putting them in a saucepan, covering with a lid, and standing on a cool floor.

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SETTING FREE THE VOICE

A HANDICAP REMOVED

By L. A. G. STRONG

We are all the prisoners of our bodies. Height, girth, features, physical and nervous constitution—there is not a great deal we can do to change our corporal inheritance. Good conditions in childhood, light and air, exercise, a balanced diet, can do something for constitution and more for stature: but our pigmentation, the shape of our nose, the width of our mouth, these are inescapable. We have to make the best of them.

There is, however, one natural attribute for which we can do a great deal: and, in our contacts with our fellow creatures, and the impression we make upon them, it has an influence second only to that of our personal appearance. This is our voice, and the way we use it. Character leaves its mark upon the face. It can be read in lines and glances, in a lift of the eyebrow or the pressure of a lip. But the face is sometimes a mask, controlled by an effort of will, or set by nature in a grimace which hides the character beneath, and cuts its owner off from many things. The voice, on the other hand, is a potentially true index of character. Its faults are far more often acquired than inherited: therefore it offers far greater hope, far greater possibilities. Plastic surgery may change a face for the better—perhaps. Voices seldom require such drastic remedy.

How much a voice reveals, when all is not well with it! In the first place, it can proclaim clearly, by its very tone, that something is wrong, and enable us to guess what it is. It can show strain, uncertainty, fear, the wish to boost oneself, cruelty, meanness, indecision. It will show, unmistakably, to ears that have learned to listen, every time its owner is putting on an act. And the distortions arising from such mental states soon become habits, so that the voice may bear the scars of them even after they have ceased to exist, and may mislead people about its owner.

The Art of Speaking.

For the moment, however, I am not thinking about the negative aspects of the human voice, but of the more constructive aspects, which lie within our power to remedy. It is giving away no secret to say that one of the plans for post-war education concerns the art of speaking. The proposals are to make the teaching of speech, that is, of the healthy and natural use of the voice, a part of the English work in every school. What the planners have in mind is no particular trick, no side-show, no extra. They do not want "elocution." They want to see each child taught to use, naturally, musically and sincerely, the voice with which he or she was born. If that voice has defects, if the boy or girl speaks badly, then these skilled teachers will find out why, and apply the cure. For, apart from a small number of physical defects, positive malformations of the organs of speech, there is no reason why **anyone** should suffer the handicap of a bad speaking voice.

If a child's voice is bad, the first thing is to discover the reason. Congenital defects, if they cannot be wholly overcome, can be minimised. Defects due to bad living conditions are open to two methods of attack, one aimed at the conditions, the other at the speech which results from them. For example, the peculiar snuffle of the Dublin slums can be eliminated by a skilled speech therapist, but the easier and better course is to remove the conditions which set up the obstructions in nose and throat responsible for the snuffle.

In the majority of cases, speech defects come from psychological causes. In other words, they are the expression of difficulties and strains in the speaker's character. A timorous, buttoned-up, self-protective frame of mind can produce a strained, buttoned-up voice. A lack of confidence is often camouflaged by a loud, strident, unnatural tone, designed to produce exactly the opposite impression, but giving the truth away at once to a trained ear. And we all know the muted, self-effacing, please-don't-kick-me type of voice which at once invites a kick. These and all other distortions of voice can be remedied along two lines; by getting rid of the tension in the voice, and removing the fears which it expresses.

And all these misuses of the natural voice are unnecessary. We should never hear them, if our speaking were taken care of from the first by trained and sympathetic teachers. I talked the other day to the English master of a very large secondary school, where careful attention is paid to the way boys use their voices. He told me that in 11 years he had come across only two intractable cases, each with a serious physical defect: and even they had shown improvement.

To Speak Naturally.

The first aim of the teacher will be to see that each child is able to speak **naturally** (a rarer power than one might think), and that there shall be no unnecessary vocal obstacle between him and the world he is to live in: no unnecessary hindrance to friendship and appreciation. An affected or unpleasant voice has ruined many a chance of marriage, and many a marriage. The second aim, on the material, technical plane, will be that no one's speech shall be so bad as to stand in his way socially or economically.

"I'd 'ave 'ad that job," a young man said wistfully to me not long ago, "if only I didn't speak so bad."

And I remember a mother telling me, in perfectly matter of fact tones, that her daughter had lost a job for which she was excellently fitted in other respects, because she spoke badly.

This sort of bad speech is the least important. It need involve no misuse of the natural voice, and it is therefore the easiest to cure. We do not want anyone to lose the accent he was born with, his good honest Yorkshire or Devon or Aberdeen or Cockney, but it is often commercially useful to be able to speak a more widespread type of English. And—here is the rub—many people are miserable because they feel that the way they speak is a social handicap. **That fear can be removed.** A competent teacher can make anyone speak standard English. I've seen the broadest Lancashire, taken at 14 years, and taught to speak the second, much-desired accent in three months. Obviously, the younger the pupil, the quicker and easier the result.

The teaching of speech, on the lines proposed, will make an end of the one social fear that keeps so many people back and free us from another of our artificial shackles.

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MANSTON DIVORCE

WIFE WHO WENT AWAY

In the Divorce Court on Friday the President heard the petition of Enoch Allen, now in the Army, for a decree nisi against his wife, Rose Agnes, on the ground of her adultery with a co-respondent cited as Standen at an address at Coleswoods-cottages, Manston, Ramsgate. The suit was not defended.

The marriage was in 1931 and there was one child.

Petitioner's case was that the marriage was happy for only a few months, when there were bickerings and fighting. Later his wife left him and in 1939 he received a letter from her saying she was living with Standen at Manston.

Petitioner gave evidence and his witness was Mr. John Cox, inquiry agent, of Strood, Kent.

His Lordship granted a decree nisi.

RAMSGATE FAMILIES' ESCAPE

FARMHOUSE FIRE

Two Ramsgate evacuee families named Jefferies had lucky escapes when the old farmhouse in which they were living at Rofford, between Chalgrove and Stadhampton, Oxfordshire, was gutted by fire recently.

The occupants of the farmhouse, including a number of small children, were uninjured but they lost practically all their belongings and have been accommodated by people in the villages nearby. Several of them had to leave the blazing building in their night attire.

The farmhouse was a mass of flames within a few minutes of the thatched roof being ignited and although the N.F.S. were immediately summoned, it was found impossible to save any part of the building.

The fathers of the two families are brothers and they are married to two sisters.

ROACH—McNEILL

ST. ETHELBERT'S WEDDING

A member of the National Fire Service, Miss Kathleen Mary McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNeill, of 74 Dane Park-road, Ramsgate, was married at St. Ethelbert's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday to Cdt. George Eric Roach, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Roach, of 11 Geneva-street, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

The bride, who is a telephonist at the N.F.S. divisional headquarters in Broadstairs, is an old girl of St. Augustine's School and formerly worked for Messrs. Goulden and Wind Ltd., of High-street, Ramsgate. Cdt. Roach, serving in the Royal Artillery, has just finished an O.C.T.U. course. Before entering the Army he was an electric welder.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Bede Winslow and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of figured white satin, with short train, and headdress of flowers. She also wore a spray of orange blossom on the dress. Her bouquet was of pink roses and she was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Winifrede Roach (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Joan Betts, who wore dresses of old rose pink satin and crepe, with headdresses of pink carnations, and carried bouquets of the same flowers.

Acm. Alfred McNeill, R.A.F., brother of the bride, was best man and the ceremony was followed by a reception at 70 Dane Park-road.

STOLEN BROCCOLI

SAID HE WAS HUNGRY

"I took them because I was hungry," said Frederick Arthur Drake, of Prestedge-avenue, at Ramsgate police court on Monday, when he was summoned for stealing six broccoli, valued at 3s., growing in a field in Canterbury-road, on 1st May.

Defendant pleaded guilty and Inspr. Hicks told the magistrates that P/C Ashby was on duty in Canterbury-road when he saw Drake crossing a cornfield. He kept observation on defendant, who had an empty sack under his arm. Drake crossed the road, entered the broccoli field, cut six heads of broccoli and put them in his sack. Defendant said to P/C Ashby "Let me off this time. I won't touch anything again."

In a statement Drake said he was returning home from work and made a short cut across the fields. He had a bag with him and as he had no greenstuff at home he was tempted to take the broccoli. Recently he had had a struggle to keep himself and his wife. In three weeks he received only 48s. and as a result got into debt.

Inspr. Hicks said defendant had been unemployed for three weeks but was now in employment again. Some years ago he lost his left hand in an accident.

Defendant told the magistrates he was now earning £2 18s. a week.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that he would be fined 10s. and he was given a month to pay.

BROADSTAIRS

Holy Trinity Wardens.—Mr. T. O. Studd was re-appointed rector's warden and Mr. R. F. Saxby people's warden at the annual vestry meeting of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs.

Savings.—National savings in Broadstairs for the week ended 8th May amounted to £717, comprising £454 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £248 in savings certificates and £15 in defence bonds.

Fellowship of Marriage.—Mrs. Greenaway, a diocesan speaker, addressed members of the Fellowship of Marriage together with other young married women from the Thanet deanery at Holy Trinity Schoolroom, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

Wings for Victory.—It is hoped that Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Air, will open Broadstairs Wings for Victory Week on 26th June. Councillor H. Noble, Chairman of the Council, presided last week at a meeting of the Wings for Victory Week Executive Committee at which an offer by the Brighter Broadstairs League to organise a whist drive and children's sports was accepted. Members of the wardens' service will be responsible for an exhibition to be held at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion and military sports will be held on the opening day.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

MOTHER WARNED

"We are not going on indefinitely fining you. We have another course we can take and we shall take it," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday, when Ethel Darby, of Rodney-street, again appeared for failing to comply with an attendance order in respect of her child made at the court in January.

Mr. James Hackett, School Enquiry Officer, said the child had made no attendances since the order was made.

Defendant was fined 10s., Mr. Perry warning her that if she was again brought before them on the same case, the child might be taken out of her care.

The Editor invites you to send in news of your relatives in the forces.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

The Hornet's Sting In those halcyon pre-war days when schoolboy football thrilled young and old alike, the Hornets showed other teams that they had a dangerous sting in their tail. Now that sting is being felt by a greater foe, for hundreds of old boys of Lillian-road School and, as it became in 1931, Hereson School, are serving in all branches of the forces. Two families of Old Hornets—the Barnes and the Whites—figure prominently in our feature this week.

Taking the former family first, we find the three sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnes, of 3 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, serving their country in the Royal Air Force, Army and A.T.S. Fred, aged 33, who is the eldest, was for 19 years on the staff of Messrs. S. R. Port, builders' merchants, of Boundary-road, and he entered the R.A.F. in November, 1940. Employed on the ground staff of a fighter squadron, he is now in North Africa and writes to say that Kent is well represented in his unit. One Ramsgate man—Chris Rawney, of Duncan-road—is with him and there are others from Dover, Maidstone and Gravesend.

Fred has been abroad 12 months and while out there has enjoyed his first trip in the air. "Enjoyed," however, is hardly the right word, for having gone down with malaria, he was making a journey of 200 miles by air to a hospital. Jokingly he remarks that when he returns to England he will not want to go anywhere near Ramsgate sands for they will remind him too much of the desert. Fortunately he has now left that sort of country behind and is at present among green fields and an abundance of flowers. Fred is married, with his home in Dane-crescent, but Mrs. Barnes is living for a time at Minster.

Joined on Same Day Next in age comes Ldg.-Acm. Bill Barnes, who is on the ground staff of an R.A.F. station in England. Twenty-seven years old, he formerly worked for Mr. W. E. Colegate, outfitter, of York-street, Ramsgate and entered the service in July, 1940. Gnr. Thomas Barnes, the youngest son, is 23 and is in a Royal Artillery searchlight battery in the Eastern counties. He joined the forces on the same day as Bill.

The brothers were all well-known at St. Luke's Club and at one time Fred played football for them. Bill and Tom were both in the church choir and the former's wife and daughter live at 14 Hertford-place, Ramsgate.

Their sister, Cpl. Margaret Barnes, A.T.S., is serving in the Home Counties with a Royal Artillery heavy ack-ack battery, and since joining ten months ago has been engaged on predictor work. Aged 24, she was an assistant to Mr. E. J. Foreman, tobacconist, of King-street, Ramsgate. Mr. W. Barnes, the father, who has been a postman at Ramsgate for 15 years, joined the Kent Cyclists' Batt. at the beginning of the last war and later served in France with the Royal West Kents.

Brothers in Arms Mrs. White, who lived at 2 Upper Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, has four sons in the forces and another working in an aircraft factory. Pte. Hubert White, the eldest, aged 32, is serving as a military policeman in south-eastern England, having been transferred from the Royal Armoured Corps. As a Territorial he was called up at the outbreak of war and was formerly employed by the Express Dairies at Hayes, Middlesex. Hubert's wife and four children now live at Wealdstone.

Sgt. Wally White, his 30-year-old brother, writes from North Africa, where he is serving with the Royal Armoured Corps, to say that the only time he has seen a bed in the last two years was when he was in hospital recovering from a leg wound. Previously working at Chislet Colliery, he entered the R.A.C. in 1934. Going to Egypt in 1937, he assisted in the mechanisation of cavalry units.

At the aircraft factory in the Midlands in which he is making radiator tubes, David, aged 26, has an enviable reputation as a darts player and captained the winning team in the works tournament. He is also a member of the factory's Home Guard. David's wife gave birth to a daughter a month ago.

The other two sons, Alan and Victor, are in The Buffs and the Royal Air Force respectively. Alan, who went on to St. George's Central School from Hereson, worked for Mr. J. Philipson, fruiterer, of Queen-street, Ramsgate, until joining The Buffs two years ago. His wife also gave birth to a daughter recently. Alan is 20, two years older than his brother Victor, who joined the R.A.F. six months ago after being engaged in the building trade in London. He is now taking a flight mechanic's course.

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Making His Marks Many old boys of St. George's seem to have a preference for the R.A.F. and among them is Acm. Jack Marks, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Marks, of 7 Vale-road, Ramsgate. He entered the Royal Air Force last November and, celebrating his 19th birthday this week, he is taking a flight-mechanic's course. Jack is expecting 10 days' leave at the beginning of July. His father, Bill Marks, was well-known locally as a footballer in the old days of the Ramsgate Town club and Jack is carrying on the tradition by playing for service teams. He was one of the first to join the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron. Miss Constance Marks, one of his sisters, who was also educated at St. George's, is employed in an aircraft factory.

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Darts Star in R.E.M.E. Jack Cocksedge, son of Mrs. E. Cocksedge, of 5 Liverpool-lawn, Ramsgate, whom dart fans will remember as a star of the old Lord Nelson team, is now serving as a craftsman with the R.E.M.E., after a thrilling career with the Royal Engineers. He entered the R.Es in March, 1940, was sent to France shortly afterwards and reached England a month after the evacuation of Dunkirk. He spent some time in Northern Ireland but came back to England again and joined the R.E.M.E. when that service was formed and since that time has been employed on motor repairs. An old boy of Christ Church School, Jack is 31 and was formerly employed as a French polisher by Messrs. F. J. Pike (Ramsgate) Ltd.

Change of Scenery Cpl. John Gerard, known to all his friends as "Nibby," whose photograph appears above, has seen two extremes of scenery in this war. From the sandy wastes of the desert he journeyed 12 months ago to the beautiful jungle country of Ceylon.

"Nibby," whose mother now lives at Ascot, worked in peace-time as an operator at Ramsgate Picture House and afterwards at the Royalty Cinema, Broadstairs. He joined the Royal Air Force in April, 1940, and went to the Middle East in the following December as a radio mechanic. He was transferred to Ceylon a year ago and in his latest airgraph to his wife, formerly Miss Winifred Spain, who is living for the time being with her parents at 113 St. Luke's-avenue, says he is expecting to go up into the hills for leave.

His brother Gordon (Ken) Gerard, who was an operator at the King's Theatre, began a military career in December, 1937, when he entered the R.A.S.C. Later he was attached to the R.A.F. and was then transferred to the R.A.O.C., entering the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers when it was formed last year. He is now stationed in the Shetlands as a craftsman in that service and is hoping shortly to be engaged in cinema operating in the Army. Ken is also an old boy of St. Augustine's School.

Spain Goes to Africa The respective brothers-in-law of "Nibby" and Ken—L/Cpl. Jack Spain, of the Hampshires, and Ldg.-Acm. Ron Thornton, R.A.F., are both serving overseas and Jack writes enthusiastically of the Allied success in North Africa. In a letter to his wife at 1 Midlothian-cottages, Stanley-gardens, Ramsgate, written a short time before the enemy's eventual collapse in that campaign, he said "Everything seems ready for a snap finish and then will I mop back a few!" Jack was 26 last Friday and was formerly employed by Mr. J. Hoare, butcher, of Grange-road, Ramsgate.

Ron Thornton, who attended Lillian-road School with Jack, is 27, and his wife lives at Chertsey. He worked in peace-time in the offices of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., builders' merchants, of King-street, Ramsgate. His elder brother, Herbert E. Thornton, of the same school, was for many years on the staff of the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co., and is now a war reserve policeman at Chatham.

Mrs. C. Thornton, the mother, lives at 161 St. Luke's-avenue, where Mrs. Ken Gerard resides with her.

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In a "Cat" Crew When the "Cats," as the Catalina flying boats are known to the Royal Air Force, are on the war-path, Jerry's submarines have an uncomfortable and, very often, a disastrous time. The thrill of serving in one of these huge machines has fallen to the lot of Kenneth Bate, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. R. Bate, of 208 Margate-road, Ramsgate, who has just passed out as a sergeant air-gunner. Kenneth, who was 19 in January, left St. George's Central School soon after the outbreak of war and worked in the office of Messrs. S. R. Port, builders' merchants, before being employed as a driver by Messrs. Rogers Radio. He then went to a Ministry of Labour centre as a driver-mechanic but volunteered for service in the Royal Air Force in July last year. While in Ramsgate he was a member of the local Home Guard, which he joined at the early age of 17 and carried out the duties of despatch rider. He was also well-known at the Congregational Church as a member of the Boys' Brigade and was associated with the Ramsgate Sea Scouts. At present Ken is in Scotland undergoing a further course in ship identification.

His father, a Ramsgate postman, joined the Royal Artillery in 1908, transferred to the R.A.O.C. in 1911, and served with that corps until 1919, being engaged in the Salonika campaign.

From R.F.C. to R.A.F. Two of Ken's uncles are corporals in the Royal Air Force, and one of them, Cpl. Charles Gilman, of Eccleston, St. James's-avenue Newington, entered the boys' service of the old Royal Flying Corps towards the end of the last war. Before this war he was a postman at Ramsgate and he has recently returned from the Middle East after three years' service there. Forty-one years old, Cpl. Gilman was educated at Lillian-road School and he is married, with three boys.

Bill Kadwell, the other uncle, will be well remembered as manager of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton's bottling department. An old St. Georgian, he left school to enter the offices of Messrs. Vye and Son, the grocers, and later joined the staff of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton. As a member of the Ramsgate Town Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade it is fitting that he should now be engaged in the medical branch of the R.A.F. He takes a keen interest in youth movements and was Assistant Scoutmaster of the St. Lawrence troop of Boy Scouts. Old boys of St. George's will recall his prowess as a footballer. Bill married Miss Dorothy Forwood, a member of the teaching staff at Priory-road School, and they have three children. Their home is at Cliffs End but Mrs. Kadwell is at present living at Ivanhoe, New-road, Newington (an extension of Allenby-road).

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More Like Home "This place is more like England than any country I have been in since leaving home." So writes Sgt. Lionel Solley, Royal Engineers, from North Africa. Sgt. Solly, whose wife and son live at 39 Muir-road, Ramsgate, joined the service in March, 1940, went to the Middle East and was fortunate to escape from Tobruk in a tank just before the place fell. He went back to Cairo and later moved with the Eighth Army. A plumber in peace-time, Lionel is an old St. Georgian and 25 years of age.

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Girl for Gunner Congratulations to Gnr. Arthur Thomas, R.A., whose wife presented him with a daughter, Patricia Ann, a month ago. Arthur, more familiarly known as "Son," was born in Canada, but as a baby came to England with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thomas, now of Toronto-villa, Margate-road, Ramsgate. The family moved from Gillingham to Ramsgate about ten years ago and Arthur, after being employed in the leaded light department of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., went to Whitstable in the same trade. Now 25 years old, he is with a searchlight battery in south-eastern England and is near enough to home to visit Ramsgate on his short leaves. At present he is enjoying 14 days' stay in the town. Arthur's wife was formerly Miss Sylvia Edwards, of Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, and her brother Aneurin, an old pupil of Lillian-road School, is serving in the Royal Air Force. Mr. A. G. Thomas is employed in the Southern Railway works at Ashford.

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Brother Deputised Cpl. George McNeill, of 74 Dane Park-road, Ramsgate, hoped to come to Ramsgate on Saturday to appear as best man at the wedding of his sister Kathleen (reported in another column) but was unable to make the journey and his place was taken by his brother, Acm. Alfred McNeill. George, now 32, began his military service at 21 when he joined the Coldstream Guards. After five years he went back into "civvy street" but was recalled as a reserve at the beginning of the war and went back into the Guards, being sent to France straight away.

Alf is two years younger than George and he assists in bomb-loading at a Royal Air Force station in the eastern counties. Until joining the service two and a half years ago he worked as a gardener for Messrs. G. and A. Clark Ltd. at Broadstairs. Both he and George are old boys of St. Augustine's School.

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Prisoners Meet Transferred to another prison camp in Germany, Bdr. Laurie Grey, R.A., has met several Ramsgate men at Oflag III C. They include B/S/M G. Brown, Bdr. Frank Scoates and Sgts. Carter, Cooper, Martin and Heydon. Bdr. Grey, who was captured in Crete, was a Terrier before the war and at that time was employed by his father, Mr. S. Grey, a builder, who moved from Newington to Broadstairs. Mrs. Grey is now residing in Bath.

MARGATE'S WALKING ENCYCLOPÆDIA

During the past year Mrs. A. Deane, secretary of the Margate Council of Social Service, gave 3,414 interviews, most of them dealing with problems brought about by the war.

This was revealed at the annual meeting of the Council, held at Margate Town Hall last week.

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford), who presided, paid high tribute to the services of Mrs. Deane, describing her as a "walking encyclopædia."

Miss E. M. F. Cobb was unanimously re-elected president for the 15th year.

NORTH AFRICA VICTIM

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. M. Judd, of 96 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, who has received intimation that her husband, Leslie William Judd, has been killed in North Africa.

Formerly Miss Muriel Pullman, Mrs. Judd was married at St. Lawrence Methodist Church in April last year and at that time her husband took a prominent part in Methodist social activities.

His home is at Cowes, Isle of Wight, where he was an officer in the Boys' Brigade.

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HELP FOR RUSSIAN HORSES

More animals are employed by the Soviets in war than by any other power. The Cossack Cavalry have been used in each section of the front with such striking results that to them is attributed the initial success in raising the siege of Moscow.

And the sufferings of animals in war are indeed terrible. Sensitive and highly nervous for the most part, terror, exhaustion and hunger are theirs. Disease lies in wait for them.

The R.S.P.C.A. War Animals (Allies) Fund is doing fine work in alleviating the hardships of these animals and the list of veterinary requisites the organisation must send out is formidable. It includes 30 X-ray units, surgical instruments, microscopes and several tons of disinfectants.

Ramsgate people will have a chance to help this deserving fund on Saturday, when a flag day is to be held in the town. Helpers are needed and can obtain their collecting boxes and emblems at Clarendon House on Friday.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Beerling.—10th May, at Wilbury, Farley-road, Chapel-hill, Margate, the wife of Frederick Beerling, of a son.

Jones.—12th May, at Birchington, the wife of Cpl. A. Jones, R.A.F.V.R., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Ashton—Hunt.—8th May, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, L/Cpl. James Louis Ashton, of Edgworth, Lincs., to Constance Mabel Hunt, of Birchington.

Morris—Rayner.—8th May, at Monkton Parish Church, Edwin James Morris to Kathleen Rose Rayner, both of Monkton.

Patching—Griffiths.—13th May, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, by the Rev. J. B. Cowell, Ronald James Patching, of Faversham, to Kathleen Mary Griffiths, of Cliftonville, Margate.

Roach—McNeill.—15th May, at St. Ethelbert's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. Father Bede Winslow, George Eric Roach son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Roach, of Barrow-in-Furness, to Kathleen Mary McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNeill, of 74 Dane Park-road, Ramsgate.

Smith—Rogers.—8th May, at the Dockyard Church, Sheerness, Sydney Percival Smith, of Minster, to Betty Winifred Rogers, of Sheerness.

DEATHS

Hodgman.—9th May, at 23 Chilton-lane, Ramsgate, Alice Jessie Hodgman, aged 79 years.

Hyland.—9th May, at Malvern, Herbert Bright Hyland, J.P., of Chilston, Broadstairs, and of Lewis and Hyland, of Ramsgate and Folkestone, in his 80th year, fifth and youngest son of the late Frederick Hyland, of Ashford, Kent.

Judd.—In April, killed in action in North Africa, Leslie William Judd, aged 24 years, Hampshire Regiment, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, the most dearly-loved husband of Muriel (née Pullman), of 96 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate.

Turner.—15th May, suddenly, at 5 Camden-road, Ramsgate, John Frederick Turner, aged 68 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Darby.—In affectionate memory of my dear husband and dad, Henry Darby (Harry), who was called home to rest 18th May, 1942.
It was hard indeed to lose him,
But God, who knowest best,
Held wide His loving arms and said
Come unto Me and rest.
Always in the thoughts of Maudie and son, Harold.

Heydon.—In loving memory of L/Bdr. George Frederick Heydon, killed in action at Crete, 20th May, 1941. Always in the thoughts of mum, sister and brothers.
—Pauline-villa, Trinity-place, Ramsgate.

Neves.—In proud and loving memory of our beloved son, Eric, who with his cousins and friends fell in action in Crete on 20th May, 1941. Always in our thoughts.—From his devoted mother and father.

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